Capacity Utilisation of the Public Sector Engineering Projects

1835. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the ratio of capacity utilisation (in per cent) of the public sector engineering projects year-wise from 1983-84 to 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TIWARY): Public Enterprises Survey for 1984-85 already placed on the Table of the House in February, 1986 cover *inter alia* the capacity utilisation figures for the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 *vide* Chapter 19 of Vol. I pages 228-234. The Survey for 1985-86 covering *inter alia* the information on capacity utilisation for that year is scheduled to be placed on the Table of the House in the ensuing Budget Session.

Crisis of LPG Cylinders in Calcutta

1836. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 93 given in Rajya Sabha on the 10th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister and the Food Minister of West Bengal have recently sent an urgent message to him asking for an immdiate *ad hoc* allotment of 60,000 cooking gas cylinders to tide over the crisis in Calcutta; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the crisis and shortage of gas sylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A backlog in the supply of LPG refills had lately developed in varying degrees at many locations in West Bengal owing primarily to industrial relations problems at the Kalyani (Calcutta) LPG bottling plant.

These have since been overcome and the supply position is gradually improving.

Allotment of Gas for Sponge Iron Plant in Gujarat

1837. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that department of Petroleum had allocated 0.5 M.C.M.D. of gas for a sponge iron plant in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after obtaining the necessary letter of intent from Government of India a number of steps for the implementation of the Project were taken and an amount of about Rs. 150 lacs was spent on this project; and

(c) whether the proposal has suffered uncalled for delay; and its estimated cost has escalated from Rs. 80 crores to Rs. 120 crore; if so, what is the extent of delay and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Gujarat have informed that so far they have spent Rs. 15 lacs only on